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Title: Need to set up an Indian Institute of Technology at Palakkad in Kerala.

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS (PALGHAT): The State of Kerala is having highest literacy rate and a better profile in general and higher education. However, till this date there is no Central University or education institution of national importance in Kerala. It is the long cherished dream of people of Kerala to set up an IIT in Kerala. A number of discussions were held by Hon'ble Members of Parliament from Kerala, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala with Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble Human Resource Development Minister here in Delhi. But so far the Government of India did not select Kerala for setting up an IIT. The Government of Kerala has already identified 300 hectares of land at Palakkad in Kerala for this purpose. During the speech of Hon'ble Prime Minister on 15.8.2007 on the eve of our 60$^{th}$ Independence Day at Red Fort, he mentioned that in the Eleventh Five Year Plan, 7 IITs are to be set up. In the light of this announcement, I urge upon the Government to set up one IIT among the 7 proposed IITs at Palakkad in Kerala.